

Who owns the indigenous artefacts from Canada to Cairns?



Cairns:

- Located on the east coast of Cape York Peninsula between the Coral Sea and the Great Dividing Range.
- Traditional custodians of the Cairns area- the Gimuy Walabura Yidinji peoples and the Yirrganydji peoples.

Source: Image- Frances76 at the English language Wikipedia

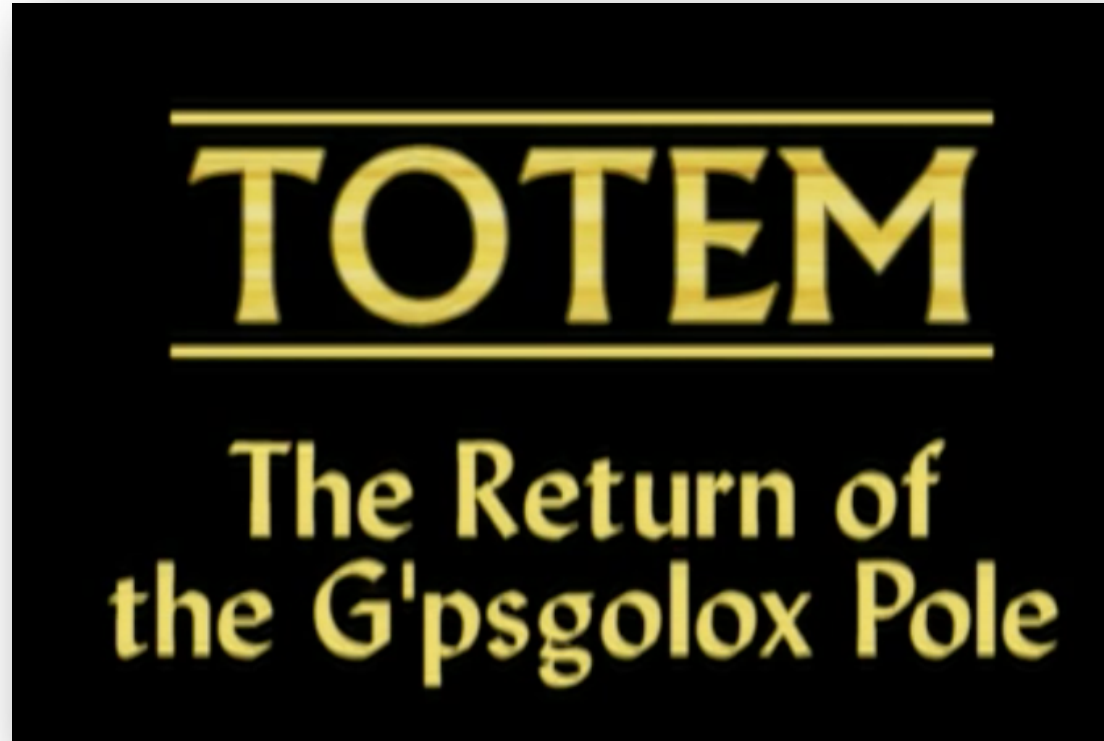
First Strategy: What Makes You Say That?

www.pz.harvard.edu/projects/visible-thinking

Watch the first 2.45 minutes of the film at https://www.nfb.ca/filmtotem_the_return_of_the_gpsgolox_pole/

INTERPRETATION WITH JUSTIFICATION

- 1. What do you think is going on?*
- 2. What do you see that makes you say that?*



Source (image): National Film Board of Canada, 2018

Second Strategy: See Think Wonder

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1. *What do you **see**?*
2. *What do you **think** about what you see?*
3. *What do you **wonder** about what you see?*



Source (image): National Museum of Australia

Encounters Indigenous Cultures and Contact History Resource

www.nma.gov.au/encounters_education/community/cairns



Nautilus shell necklace, Yidinji people, collected from the Cairns region before 1903. British Museum.

"The (shell) ornaments are believed to have magical presence. They are like diamonds or gold. It gives status and energy."

Source: National Museum of Australia



"Ye-i-nie/King of Cairns/1905".

Source: Wikimedia

Third Strategy: Tug Of War
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Is it fair for the British Museum to keep the Nautilus shell necklace?

“It would have been my people, it would have been my grandfathers and grandmothers ... who were making these necklaces...the shields and the message sticks”

“I and most Aboriginal people acknowledge that if it were not for museums and other such institutions even less of our cultural property would exist in Australia today. For that we are grateful but the fact remains that this property was collected when Aboriginal people were under extreme duress with governments and missions committed to the methodic and systematic destruction of our cultures and our traditions under extreme colonial policies.”

Henrietta Marrie, Gimuy Walabura Yidinji Elder

Source: National Museum Australia 2013 (Top) & The Guardian 2016 (Bottom)

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1. Consider the tugs
2. Place the tugs
3. Ask What if? What about? Questions
4. Share the thinking

Playing computer games is better than playing games outside.

Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• because some games you play you need to watch but some games you dont, playing outside makes me very very hot (Cody)• because when you play outside it makes it hot (Myra)because I get to relax and I like boring games like cards (Taulaleil)• because when you play computer games you learn more stuff and you learn to smarter (Enua)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• because when you do computer games you just watch but outside you are doing something (Fatima)• because you can get sweaty outside (Oscar)• because you can run around place (Aiden)• because I like to play in the sandpit (Isabella)• I like to play with my friends (Blake)

Links to the issue of repatriating indigenous artifacts.

- Indigenous treasures, briefly on loan to Australia, are about to be taken away – again (March 2016)

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/postcolonial-blog/2016/mar/22/indigenous-treasures-briefly-on-loan-to-australia-are-about-to-be-taken-away-again>

- British Museum's offer to 'loan' Aboriginal artefact to Australia 'disgusts' family. (Updated 23 Apr 2016).

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-22/aboriginal-family-disgusted-british-museum-wont-return-artefacts/7351628>

- The violent collectors who gathered Indigenous artefacts for the Queensland Museum

<https://www.sbs.com.au/nitv/nitvnews/article/2018/05/29/violent-collectors-who-gathered-indigenous-artefacts-queensland-museum>

- Indigenous Australia: Enduring Civilisation is a challenge to review (April 2015)

<https://theconversation.com/indigenous-australia-enduring-civilisation-is-a-challenge-to-review-40461>